

Remarks

Claims 1-11 have been canceled. Claims 12-18 are now in the case.

I. Claim Objections; Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103.

Various claims have been objected to or rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103.

The applicant does not necessarily agree with these objections or rejections. However, the application has canceled claims 1-11 without prejudice to filing another application such as a continuation or divisional application for the same or similar claims.

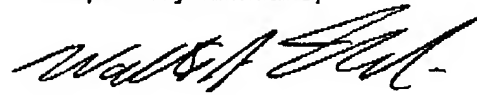
II. Allowed Claims 12-18

Claims 12-18 have been allowed.

III. Conclusion

Claims 12-18 are respectfully submitted to be in a condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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